

at least one removing roller in contact with an outer periphery of the at least one rotating roller, the at least one removing roller rotating so as to both spread and reduce ink transferred to the at least one rotating roller so that the ink on the outer periphery of the at least one rotating roller can be dried quickly.

3. (Twice Amended) The stencil printer according to claim 1, wherein the at least one removing roller rotates in accordance with the rotation of the at least one rotating roller in that the at least one removing roller rotates in a same rotative direction and at a same rotative velocity as the at least one rotating roller.

10. (Twice Amended) The stencil printer according to claim 1, wherein the at least one rotating roller is a pair of resist rollers.

11. (Twice Amended) The stencil printer according to claim 10, wherein the pair of resist rollers are rotated not only at a time of conveying a printed sheet.

12. (Twice Amended) The stencil printer according to claim 10, wherein the pair of resist rollers are rotated at a time of making a master by a master making mechanism.

#### **REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendment and the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-20 are pending in this application, claims 4-9 and 13-20 having been withdrawn from consideration by the examiner as being drawn to a non-elected invention, and claims 1, 3, and 10-12 having been amended, by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 10-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, claims 1, 3, 10, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 10-166705*